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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Careerists
SUBJECT : 1973 [] Conference

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1. All of you should have received notification earlier this year that [] had postponed until September the [] Officers Conference originally scheduled in March. In his memorandum to you he pointed out that the Planning Committee he had appointed to work on the Conference felt that with the change of Directors and the relatively limited response the Committee had had from [] Careerists, it seemed advisable to delay the Conference until the fall. Subsequent to this postponement there was of course the change in command of the Directorate itself.

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2. I have met recently with the Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Conference and have advised him that it is my desire that we proceed with the planning for a [] Officers Conference to be held 23 - 25 September. Even though changes are occurring on an almost daily basis and there is no assurance that the natural evolutionary process that accompanies a change in leadership such as the Organization is undergoing will be completed by September, I do feel that it is a timely occasion for us to have our Conference. Not only will it give me an opportunity to exchange ideas with [] Careerists and to pass on some of the new philosophy regarding our Directorate that is being formulated by the new management, but such a meeting also will give me a chance to get to know a larger number of Careerists on a personal basis.

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3. I have asked the Planning Committee to continue working on the Conference and I urge all of you to submit suggested topics for discussion to them prior to 1 August. Suggestions and ideas should be addressed to the [] Career Management Officer. Comments on suggested topics previously forwarded by you will also be considered by the Planning Committee.

4. I would hope that each of you would take a personal and very special interest in this particular Conference since it does come at a time of transition and does afford all of us an opportunity to rethink very basic questions regarding our present and future roles in the Organization and the contributions that we can and should make in years to come. Personally, I look forward to meeting with as many Careerists as possible, including those who will have returned to headquarters by September.

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